

ORDERS

Todd County Fiscal Court
March 13, 2009
9:00 a.m.

The Fiscal Court in and for Todd County met in regular session at the Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. and the following proceedings were had. Present and presiding, Honorable Arthur W. Green, County Judge Executive. The following gentlemen, Magistrates, were present:

Roy Addison, Howard Gorrell, Bobby Rager, Brent Spurlin and Jimmy Turner

The Court opened with the pledge of allegiance, followed by a prayer by Squire Howard Gorrell.

- Upon motion of Squire Rager, seconded by Squire Spurlin, it is hereby ordered to approve the February 27th minutes and file.

Passed on a voice vote

- Upon motion of Squire Gorrell, seconded by Squire Turner, it is hereby ordered to approve the March 9th minutes and file.

Passed on a voice vote

- Upon motion of Squire Spurlin, seconded by Squire Rager, it is hereby ordered to approve the March 13th transfers.

Passed on a voice vote

- Accounts Payable was presented to the court for review and it is hereby ordered to file and pay all bills, subject to state audit. Pennyrite Narcotics Task Force was held to check budget amount.
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- Upon motion of Squire Turner, seconded by Squire Gorrell, it is hereby ordered to approve the February Financial Report.

Passed on a voice vote

- Todd County Treasurer, Tammy Robertson, presented the Court with a copy of the Appropriation Report for their review.
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- Upon motion of Squire Addison, seconded by Squire Turner, it is hereby ordered to approve Ordinance 09-01, on second reading, to amend the budget to include \$118,703.00 grant money for the Ambulance Department. The County's share is 5% for a total of \$6,247.00 that is already included in the budget.

Voting aye; Squires Addison, Gorrell, Rager, Turner, and Spurlin

Passed on 2nd reading

- Upon motion of Squire Addison, seconded by Squire Gorrell, it is hereby ordered to approve Ordinance 09-04, to amend the budget to refund \$2242.13 back to the Sheriff's Office.

Voting aye; Squires Addison, Gorrell, Rager, Turner, and Spurlin

Passed on 1st reading

- Upon motion of Squire Rager, seconded by Squire Spurlin, it is hereby ordered to approve Ordinance 09-02 on second reading, to increase the insurance tax from 2% to 4 1/2% to become effective July 1 of fiscal year 09-10.
- Upon motion of Squire Rager, seconded by Squire Spurlin, it is moved to amend Ordinance 09-02, to replace 4 1/2% with 6% and that 1% is to be placed in budget contingency.

Voting aye; Squires Gorrell, Rager, Turner and Spurlin and Judge Green
Voting nay; Squires Addison

- Ordinance 09-02 as amended is approved by the following vote.

Voting aye; Squires Gorrell, Rager, Turner and Spurlin and Judge Green
Voting nay; Squires Addison

Passed on 2nd reading

- A tentative Jail Budget was presented to the Court for review and will be discussed at next meeting.
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- County Clerk, Billy Fowler, reported that the voting machine models 1242 are now obsolete.
- Upon motion of Squire Rager, seconded by Squire Spurlin, it is hereby ordered to declare (15) 1242 voting machines as surplus.

Passed on a voice vote

- Todd County Jailer, Greg Allen noted that the jail is currently housing 128 total inmates with 84 of those being State.
 - Mr. Allen presented the Court with a food service proposal from Canteen adding that he thought that it would be the cost effective way to go. Judge Green informed Mr. Allen that he is required to bid out such services.
 - Mr. Allen also noted that he had met with Codell Construction as well has Mechanical Consultants and Mechanical Consultants was advised that until they fix the heating and cooling problems at the Jail, they will not be allowed to participate in the Justice Center operation.
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- Todd County Sheriff, Billy Stokes, presented a letter to the Judge's Office to be given to the Court informing the Court of a COPS grant for 4 years with the 1st 3 years being paid 100% and the last year being at the County's cost.

- Sheriff Stokes letter also requested that the Court accept his signed quarterly report subject to State audit. Court held to next meeting.
 - Sheriff Stokes letter also stated that \$7109.58 needs to be refunded back into the 2008 Tax Account that was paid to the 2008 Fee Account twice. Court held to next meeting.
 - Sheriff Stokes is also requesting that the Court pay him \$6848.54 for the remainder of the 2008 Federal Tax payment. Court held to next meeting.
 - Judge Green noted that these request are by letter and that the Sheriff is not present to answer any questions
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- Squire Rager request that line 11 of the Sheriff's budget be investigated to see if the money that the Sheriff is requesting can be taken from that line.
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- Judge Green noted that the Ambulance has received notice of a block grant from the State for \$10,169.49. Judge Green will update as more information becomes available.
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- Todd County Dispatch Coordinator, Donna Ruby, reported that in 2008 15,000 calls were received into the dispatch center with 1/3 of those being 911 calls. Ms. Ruby also noted that the week of the ice storm, 500 calls were made to the dispatch center.
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- Judge Green noted that the County held a debriefing last week and that problems with communication was the major topic, work will done to correct this in the County.
 - Judge Green also noted that he had met with Todd County's FEMA representative last week and that he is going to help Todd County with the required paperwork and process of filing for reimbursement.
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- Judge Green informed the Court that the rescue squad has been approved for a \$3058.00 grant.
 - Treasurer, Tammy Robertson, also noted that the \$6534.00 check for dead stock pick-up has been received into her office.
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- Judge Green updated the Court on the Legislative report, noting that Todd County has 3 projects on the table for turn lanes on 181 N and 181 S at each respective school and 181 from the Square to the light.
 - Judge Green informed the Court that none of Todd County's projects fit into the stimulus bill.
 - Judge Green also informed the Court that the State passed spreading the Retirement cost from a 5 year pay to a 10 year pay which should save the County money in the budget for the next few years.
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- Judge Green noted that debris clean up has begun throughout the County, though he has no schedule of what route the group intends to take.
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- Judge Green informed the Court that the Housing Authority received a superior score of 29 out of 30 from HUD.
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- Judge Green informed the Court that the protocol the County has been following when citizens inquire on burn bans has been misunderstood. Mr. Green noted that 150 feet within woodlands, the current allowed burn time is between 6pm and 6am, however over 150 feet from woodlands has no designated time as long as citizens comply with not leaving the fire unattended and any debris has been removed to prohibit the spread of the fire. Any further questions need to be referred to the State Forestry Division.
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- Squire Gorrell requested that Lyman Powell be brought back to the County Road Department on an as needed basis to grade roads. Judge Green stated that he had already spoken with Road Forman, Eddie Mitchell, and he will contact Mr. Powell about grading.
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- Upon motion of Squire Gorrell, seconded by Squire Turner, it is hereby ordered to adjourn.

Passed on a voice vote

- Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Todd County Judge Executive
Arthur w. Green